Docket No. 12400-3 1 his correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as 2 Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents 3 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313 4 5 6 **PATENT** 7 8 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 9 In re application of: 10 Heiss, et al. 11 12 Serial No. 10/716,040 Examiner: Canfield, Robert J. 13 Filed: 11/17/2003 Art Unit: 3635 14 For: Standing Assist Cane RESPONSE TO DEC. 19, 2006 OFFICE 15 COMMUNICATION 16 17 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 18 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 19 On behalf of the Applicants, Richard Heiss and Sam P. Lafata (collectively "Applicant"), 20 we have received an Office Action dated December 19, 2006. In response to the Office Action, 21 Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows: 22 Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper. 23 Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both attached 24 replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes. 25 Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper. 26

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